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The Honorable Ajit V. Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

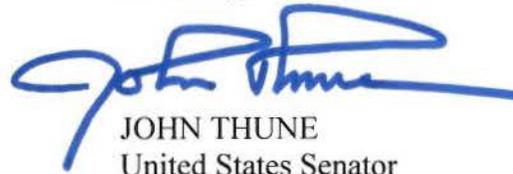
I write to you in support of the appointment of Mayor Paul TenHaken to serve on the Federal Communications Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC).

Mayor TenHaken has experience working on technology and telecommunications issues in both the private sector and as a public official. He founded a marketing technology agency giving him a deep understanding of the benefits reliable broadband networks bring small businesses. In his role as mayor of South Dakota's largest city, Sioux Falls, he has worked aggressively to reduce barriers to 5G deployment making Sioux Falls one of the first cities in the nation to have an active 5G network.

As chairman of the Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation, and the Internet, I invited Mayor TenHaken to testify before the Committee at a hearing examining next-generation technologies. His testimony was very informative and helpful to the Committee as we continue to partner with our state, local, and tribal officials on advancing next-generation telecommunications services.

Thank you for your consideration of Mayor TenHaken to serve on the IAC. I am confident he will be a valuable asset on the IAC.

Sincerely,



JOHN THUNE
United States Senator